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January 29, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES: RECOMMENDATION FOR AN
ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 3 – ADVISORY COMMISSIONS AND
COMMITTEES, CHAPTER 3.20, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
COMMISSION BY UPDATING THE COMPOSITION OF
THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve ordinance amending Title 3 – Advisory Commissions and Committees, Chapter 3.20, Emergency Medical Services Commission of the Los Angeles County Code, to change Section 3.20.040 (J) – Composition (Exhibit I), by updating the composition of the Emergency Medical Services Commission to reflect the current state of the field.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On April 7, 1981, your Board approved and adopted Ordinance 12332 to establish an Emergency Medical Services Commission (EMSC) in accordance with California Health and Safety Code Sections 1797.270, 1797.272, 1797.274, and 1797.276. The responsibility of the EMSC, among other duties, is to act in an advisory capacity to your Board and the Director of Health Services regarding County policies, programs, and standards for emergency medical care services throughout the County, including paramedic services.

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The California Rescue and Paramedic Association, an EMSC member, no longer exists. In order to ensure compliance with the above-noted Health and Safety Code, the California State Firefighters Association will join the EMSC and supply a licensed paramedic to the EMSC. Implementation of this recommendation will allow for the updating of the composition of the EMSC.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The recommended action has no fiscal impact.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In November 2007, the California Rescue and Paramedic Association notified the Department of Health Services (DHS) that it was no longer in operation. In order to supply a licensed paramedic for participation in the EMSC, DHS enlisted the California State Firefighters Association to participate on the EMSC.

Attachment A provides additional information.

The Ordinance has been approved by County Counsel.

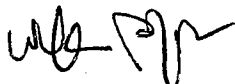
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There is no negative impact on current County services or projects by the implementation of this Ordinance amendment.

CONCLUSION

By approving the Ordinance amendment, your Board is updating the EMSC to reflect the current state of the field. The Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, is requested to return three copies of your Board's action to DHS.

Respectfully submitted,



WILLIAM T FUJIOKA
Chief Executive Officer

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Attachments (2)

c: County Counsel

Director and Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health Services

SUMMARY OF AGREEMENT

1. TYPE OF SERVICES:

Composition of the Emergency Medical Services Commission.

2. AGENCY ADDRESS AND CONTACT PERSON:

California State Firefighters Association
Emergency Medical Services Committee
Raymond Mosack, Alhambra Fire Department
6213 Eckleson St.
Lakewood, CA 90713-1914
E-Mail Address: rmosack@alhambrafire.org
Telephone No.: (626) 570-5190

3. TERM:

Not applicable.

4. FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

The recommended action has no fiscal impact.

5. GEOGRAPHIC AREA SERVED:

All Districts.

6. ACCOUNTABILITY FOR PROGRAM MONITORING AND EVALUATION:

Cathy Chidester, Emergency Medical Services Acting Director, has oversight responsibility for the Emergency Medical Services Commission.

7. APPROVALS:

EMS:	Cathy Chidester
Contracts and Grants:	Cara O'Neill, Chief
County Counsel (approval as to form):	Maya Lee

ANALYSIS

This ordinance amends Title 3 – Advisory Commissions and Committees, Chapter 3.20, Emergency Medical Services Commission, by updating the composition of the Emergency Medical Services Commission to reflect the current state of the field.

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.
County Counsel

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Deputy County Counsel
Health Services Division

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Requested 10/15/07
Revised 11/19/07

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Title 3 - Advisory Commissions and Committees, Chapter 3.20, Emergency Medical Services Commission, of the Los Angeles County Code, to update the composition of the Commission to reflect the current state of the field.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 3.20.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3.20.040 Composition.

The commission shall be composed as follows:

- A. An emergency medical care physician in a paramedic base hospital nominated by the California Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians;
- B. A cardiologist nominated by the American Heart Association, Western States Affiliate;
- C. A mobile intensive care nurse nominated by the California Chapter of the Emergency Department Nurses Association;
- D. A hospital administrator nominated by the Healthcare Association of Southern California;
- E. A representative of a public provider agency nominated by the Los Angeles Chapter of California Fire Chiefs Association;
- F. A representative of a private provider agency nominated by the Los Angeles County Ambulance Association;

- G. An orthopedic general or neurological surgeon nominated by the Los Angeles Surgical Society;
- H. A psychiatrist nominated by the Southern California Psychiatric Society;
- I. A physician nominated by the Los Angeles County Medical Association;
- J. A licensed paramedic nominated by the ~~California Rescue and Paramedic Association~~ California State Firefighters Association, Emergency Medical Services Committee;
- K. Five public members, one nominated by each member of the board of supervisors. No public member shall be a medical professional or affiliated with any of the other nominating agencies;
- L. A law enforcement representative nominated initially by the California Highway Patrol. After the first term of office for this position is completed, the law enforcement representative shall be nominated by the Los Angeles County Peace Officers Association;
- M. A city manager nominated by the League of California Cities, Los Angeles County Chapter.

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